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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Severe earthquake shock in Southern California Christmas morning; damage at San Jacinto $50,000; no lives lost. ——British steamer Ariosto wrecked near Hatteras; 21 of the crew drowned; the captain and eight men saved by life saving crew; the vessel will be a total loss. ——Maj. Gen. Brooke arrived yesterday at St. Augustine from Cuba. ——A shipment of $500,000 in gold will be made from New York to Europe. ——The dead of the Maine, from Havana, arrived at Newport News, Va., on the Texas ——Boers report that General Joubert has recovered and returned to the front. ——A Norwegian barque with supplies for the Boers, captured by a British cruiser near Delagoa Bay. ——Filipino insurgents attacked the American garrison at Subig; they were repulsed; no casualties on the American side. ——British steamer Norramore at Norfolk from Liverpool, reports an unknown barque with crew of twelve men foundered at sea Saturday night. ——Fire at Augusta, Ga., destroyed a lumber plant and the Georgia Iron Works; loss $175,000. ——Three shooting scrapes with four men dead are reported from Virginia and Tennessee. ——A bloody duel occurred in Rappahannock county between Richard and Emanuel Campbell, cousins; both fatally wounded. New York markets: Money on call steady at 2½@6 per cent., last loan at 3 per cent.; cotton, nothing doing; middling uplands 7⅞c; flour, extremely dull and possibly tending downward with wheat; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 73⅝c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 40c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 29c; rosin quiet; strained common to good $1.45; spirits turpentine steady at 51½@52c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 29 degrees; 8 P. M., 34 degrees; maximum, 39 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.36.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—For North Carolina—Fair, continued cold Wednesday and Thursday; light fresh west to north winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 27.

Sun Rises	7.13 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 50 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H 37 M.
High Water at Southport.	3 07 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	6.37 P. M.

Gen. Lawton was engaged in 170 fights and made himself famous by the capture of the old Apache warrior Geronimo.

When the Emperor of Germany sports all of his decorations he has $230,000 worth of them on him, and can cut a dash.

The King of Greece delights in farm work as a pastime. If he had to do it for a living he wouldn't delight in it so much.

Columbia, Mo., is one of the great turkey towns. For some time before Christmas it shipped about 2,000 a day. They were driven in in great droves from the rural districts.

Congressman Eddy, of Minnesota, who is a very homely man, squelched the charge that he was a double-faced man, by asking his audience if they thought he would wear the face he then wore if he had two faces.

A judge of the Police Court in Paterson, N. J., has made himself solid with the barbers by ruling that shaving is a necessity, and therefore laws closing barber shops on Sunday are null and void, which some regard as a bare-faced proceeding.

As a business venture the dispensary system of South Carolina may be a success, but as a temperance promoter it is a failure. The monthly sales in the rural districts this year shows an increase of from $12,000 to $15,000 over last year.

May go For a Cruise

Capt. R. M. Clark, of the Revenue Cutter Service, who arrived in the city yesterday morning from Baltimore to look after the government wharf building, says that he is yet unable to say when the *Algonquin* will be along for duty on this coast. She has already received orders to proceed here, but Capt. Clark says it is probable that even after she sails she may go for cruise along the district before putting in at this port.

Steamer A. J. Johnson.

Application was yesterday made at the Custom House by the owners for official number for the new stern wheel steamboat *A. J. Johnson*, which was recently built at Clear Run, Sampson county, and which is now at Skinner's ship-yard having her machinery placed. The vessel is owned jointly—one half interest each—by Messrs. John B. Robinson and James W. Marley, both of Clear Run. They hope to have the new boat in operation early in the coming month.

LOCAL DOTS.

— If "saleslady" is the correct thing why not say "salesgentleman?"

— Mr. B. F. Keith got his Christmas stocking very full. It was a ten-pound boy.

— The annual meeting of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, will be held to-night at 7.30 o'clock at Castle Hall.

— The Sunday school of Grace M. E. Church, South, will have its Christmas tree to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock at the City Hall.

— The Clyde steamship *Richmond* arrived at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Capt. Catherine reports a rough passage on account of high winds.

— The Sunday school of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its Christmas entertainment this evening at Luther Memorial building.

— Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son yesterday cleared the British tramp steamer *Astrea* with a cargo of 11,778 bales of cotton for Bremen, Germany.

— Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, secretary of the State Board of Health, arrived in the city last night on business of importance connected with the work of the board.

— On Christmas day there were beautiful services and sermons appropriate to the day at St. James' Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Thomas' Catholic Church and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Elaborate musical programmes were rendered.

— The Board of Aldermen will meet in special session to-night in the city court room at 7.30 o'clock. It is understood that the principal business for consideration will be the passing upon applications for renewal of liquor licenses for the half year beginning January 1st.

— In the City Court yesterday, it was decided to release the four little darkies who were arrested for stealing brasses from the Atlantic Coast Line shops, provided their parents would give them a thrashing. The work was thoroughly done in the guardhouse, and the miscreants were told to go and sin no more.

— Mr. R. S. Rose, from the Mason Machine Works, Taunton, Mass., is here to give instructions in the operation of the looms at the Delgado Cotton Mills. As it will be about three weeks till the looms start up, he will leave to day for Fayetteville to give instructions in the Holt-Morgan mill, which is ready to begin operations.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To the Public—Notice.
J. H. Rheder & Co.—At cost.
D. L. Gore—Fox River butter.
VonGlahn & Gibson—Best linen.
T. E Wallace—Executor's notice.
W. B. Cooper—Evaporated apples.
Endowment Rank K. of P.—Meeting

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Board.
Rooms—For rent.
U. C. Ellis—Medallion portraits.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

Delightful Entertainment by the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church had a delightful and conspicuously successful entertainment last night in the lecture room, under the management of Mrs. Oscar Byerly.

It was a Christmas Cantata, and the hall was packed with little folks and big ones who greatly enjoyed the affair.

The cast was as follows:

Santa Claus—Mr. A. S. Holden.

Mrs. Santa Claus—Miss Irene Petterson.

Jack Frost—Earl Webb.

Mary, the Poor Girl—Miss Eleanor Elliott.

Elves—Harry Morris, David Struthers, Leland Whitney, Frank Keith, Homer MacRae, George Brown, Bryan Whitfield, Clyde King.

Fairies—Misses Lucile Riley, Mary Riley, Edith Pritchard Grace Pickard, Bessie Lathrop, Lula Morrill, Arra Perry and the little Misses Lorenzo.

During the entertainment a hidden quartette composed of Mrs. E. G. Woody, Mrs. Charles Blomme, Mr. E. G. Woody and Mr. W. L. Williford, sang delightful Christmas carrols behind a curtain. There was also a pretty solo by Miss Nellie Platt who sang, "Santa Claus Will Never Forget," and a cute recitation by Miss Mary White, entitled "Suppose." The little fairies and elves, charmingly costumed sang wish songs as dolls for the girls and knives for the boys were distributed from a magnificent Christmas tree. There was also a chimney with windows and a pretty snow scene, the brick in the chimney being boxes of candy which were distributed to wish the older people.

The applause throughout the entertainment was very hearty, and the affair was a most flattering success.

Will Repair Here.

Acting under advices of the owners, Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., their agents, have had the schooner *Percy and Lilly*, which put in at Southport several days ago in a badly leaking condition, towed up to Wilmington by the tug *Blanche*. She is now discharging her cargo of railroad ties at Willard's wharf, across the river, and after completing the work will be repaired and reload for her destination, which is New York. She has about four feet of water in her hold.

YOUNG LADIES' GERMAN CHRISTMAS EVENING.

Dancing Inaugurated in the Masonic Temple Ball Room—A Juvenile German Last Evening at Germania Hall.

Dancing was inaugurated in the new and magnificent ball room on the fourth floor of the Masonic Temple Christmas night.

The occasion was a german given by the young ladies, complimentary to the members of L'Arioso German and L'Agile Cotillon Clubs. The floor was not in good condition and the light was decidedly bad, but in spite of these and other inconveniences, owing to the incompleteness of the Temple, every one seemed to immensely enjoy themselves. The affair was an elegant social event in all respects.

About forty couples participated, among them visiting young ladies and several of the Fayetteville football contingent. Mr. Robt. Rankin led the german, in which the following couples participated:

Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy with F. N. DeRosset, Miss Annie Kidder with M. C. Elliott, Miss Anna Peck with William J. Bellamy, Miss Olive Armstrong with T. E. Brown, Miss Lilla Bellamy with Robert B. Davis, Miss Tallulah DeRosset with E. A. Metts, Miss Octavia Boatwright with H. M. Croswell, Miss Annie B. DeRosset with J. D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr., Miss Lizzie Peck with Richard Bradley, Miss Eliza Bellamy with Charles Elliott, Miss Jeanie Peck with Champ McD. Davis, Miss Della Clark with W. C. Crow, Miss Fair Payne with H. M. Chase, Miss Lizzie Cotchett with C. E. Taylor, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Payne with Clarence French, Miss Lina Wiggins with R. B. Mason, Miss Katie Harriss with E. Pemberton, Fayetteville, Miss Marie Peschau with O. A. Wiggins, Jr., Miss Eliza Metts with A. B. Elliott, Miss Ida Brown with J. G. Cotchett, Miss Annie Harrison with J. P. Lewis, Miss Lucy Latham with Robt. Nash, Miss Em West with W. H. Lippitt, Miss Bettie DeRosset with F. W. Dick, Miss Bettie Johnson with John Van B. Metts, Miss Page Humphreys with H. G. MacFarlane, Miss Annie Lee with H. L. Southerland, Miss Carrie Harriss with C. F. Green, Miss Mabel Powers with Jno. B. Peschau, Miss Abbie Chadbourn with Jas. M. Black, Miss Louise DeRosset with James Stevenson, Miss Katie Harlow with R. G. Rankin, Jr., Miss Mary Lil McKoy with G. W. Brunson.

The visiting young ladies were: Miss Wyatt, Wadesboro, with W. A. Martin, Jr.; Miss Fannie Williams, Fayetteville, with J. Hill Bunting; Miss Clarkson, Charlotte, with J. McR. Hatch; Miss Lilla Young, Winston, with E. McKoy.

Stags—Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Victor Boatwright. J. C. Angel, Ed. Wood, and members of the Fayetteville foot ball team.

The chaperones were Mrs. Robt. R. Bellamy, Mrs. E. J. Powers and Mrs. W. A. Dick.

Juvenile German.

Last night at Germania Hall young ladies and gentlemen known generally as the "younger set," gave a dance. The german was led by Messrs. Joe Armstrong and Paul Cantwell and the figures were so skillfully and gracefully executed as to compare favorably with the dances of the older set.

The following couples participated:

Paul Cantwell with Miss Leonora Cantwell, Alfred Judd with Miss Edith Colston (South Dakota), Tom Meares with Miss Jennie Burbank, Chauncey Southerland with Miss Olive Armstrong, Willie Walker with Miss Louise Bellamy, Henry Heyer with Miss Madeline DeRosset, Richard Meares with Miss Lola Finch, Strudwick Nash, with Miss Mildred Davis, Norwood Orrell with Miss May Bell Saeed, Harry West with Miss Beulah Armstrong, Zach Bell with Miss Hazel Love, Russell Foster with Miss Beth Daggett, Joe Armstrong with Miss Bessie Gore, Horace Emerson with Miss Annie Harlow, William McKoy Bellamy with Miss Belle Latimer.

Stags—R. J. Lamb, Goldsboro; Geo Parsley, Joe Watters, Julian Southerland and Willie Smith.

Germans To-night and To-morrow Night.

There was a largely attended meeting of L'Arioso German Club last night in the rooms of the Board of Andit and Finance to consider a proposed change in the rule as to engaging partners. After discussion the rule was so amended that engagement will not be allowed till the whistle blows, the fine for a violation being fixed at $1. Several new members were elected.

The Christmas german of the Club will be given to-night at 9.30 o'clock at the Masonic Temple. Mr. H. H. McIlhenny will lead and souvenirs will be given. Haywood's Raleigh orchestra will play.

The german of L'Agile Cotillon Club will take place to-morow night at 9 30 o'clock at Germania Hall.

The New Pastor Preaches.

The Rev. J. N. Cole, the new pastor of Grace M. E. Church, preached two fine sermons Sunday—morning and evening. He also attended Sunday school in the afternoon and was much interested in the class of Chinese.

A dozen or more Chinamen are constant attendants at the Sunday school and are making good progress. They are taught the English language, and in the meanwhile they are inculcated with the teachings of Christianity. Last Sunday afternoon Sam Lee, the laundryman, presented the Sunday school with a beautiful lily—the sacred lily of China—tastily decorated and bound with Chinese paper. Superintendent J. H. Davis publicly tendered the thanks of the school.

CHRISTMAS INCIDENTS IN WILMINGTON.

Drunken Negro Attempts to Murder Mr. F. P. Lamb and His Porter—Stabbing Affray—Drunks and Disorderlies.

The dockets of the city and magistrate courts yesterday contained quite a number of cases, ranging from attempt to murder to drunk and disorderly.

In the city court Mayor Waddell disposed of sixteen cases, all of them for drunk and disorderly conduct, except two. A case against David Jacobs, Jr., colored, for stabbing with a knife Adrian Henry, was called but was continued till this morning. The cutting occurred Christmas day at Third and Surry streets. It appears that the two got into a row, and that Jacobs, who is a one armed man, drew a knife on his antagonist. Henry ran but Jacobs pursued him and cut him in the head and shoulder, inflicting wounds of no very serious nature. James Hill, colored, was bound over to the Criminal Court in three cases—assault and battery with a deadly weapon, in two counts, and carrying a concealed deadly weapon. He was committed to jail in default of $250 bail in each case. On Saturday night at 8.30 o'clock Hill was drunk and was cursing and using indecent language in Mr. F. P. Lamb's saloon, on Campbell and McRae streets. Archie Parker, an old colored man who is a porter for Mr. Lamb, reminded Hill that Mr. Lamb's family lived overhead and that he must behave. He kept up his disreputable conduct, whereupon Mr. Lamb ordered him out of the store. He refused to go and got into an altercation with Mr. Lamb, who succeeded in ejecting him from the store. In a short while Hill returned and had something under his coat which Mr. Lamb took for a stick. He asked Mr. Lamb if he (Hill) had not always treated him right. Mr. Lamb replied "yes, except to night," and then the negro drew a shot gun from under his coat and snapped it at Mr. Lamb two or three times. It is supposed that in drawing the gun, the cap fell off. Archy Parker tried to take the gun from Hill and got him into the street, but failed to get the gun. Hill then went to the rear door and fired into the store at Parker. Parker ran out after him and then Hill fired a pistol twice at him, the weapon being so close as to burn his face. Luckily the balls missed their mark, and in the struggle Parker got the pistol. Sergeant J. R. Davis was notified and arrested Hill.

Justice Boraeman yesterday tried a number of cases, but none of them was of a serious nature. Justice Fowler also tried a couple of cases.

A CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR THE UNFORTUNATE.

Kind Hearted Citizens Cause the Inmates at the County Home to Rejoice—A Good Time at the Jail.

The inmates at the County Home and County Work House have every reason to be thankful for this Christmas. A kind hearted gentleman of this city somehow or other remembered that there were people who were not in a condition to have the good things that fall to the share of some, and he handed to Col. Roger Moore, chairman of the board of county commissioners, $10 with which to give the inmates of the Home a Christmas dinner. Others caught the spirit and the result was that the poor and insane, and the prisoners as well, were given a sumptuous feast.

Capt. Wm. P. Oldham, secretary of the finance committee of the commissioners, went out to take some of the good things, and he says he never beheld such a store of food in all his life. The feast consisted of turkeys, old North Carolina hams, beef, pork, cakes, pies, oranges and apples, etc. While at the County Home he went through all the departments, and yesterday he told a STAR representative that it was touching to hear the expressions of deep gratitude and thankfulness of the women and men. They breathed blessings on those who donated the feast and he says it would have done the givers good to have heard how they expressed the feeling in their feasts,

The prisoners, thirty-two in number, were also full of joy, and for the entertainment of several persons they sang, executed the most grotesque cake walk, clog dancing and were in high glee.

Capt Oldham states that he did not intend to remain long when he went to the Home but he just couldn't get away. While there, Capt. Oldham's daughter, Miss Mary, and Superintendent Chadwick's daughter played the organ and added to the enjoyment.

Through the kindness of Sheriff Walter G. MacRae and Jailor W. W. King, the prisoners in jail also had a Christmas feast of turkey and trimmings and good things generally. The officials didn't want this item to get into the papers but it leaked out in spite of them.

Deputy Superior Court Clerk.

Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., has been sworn in as Deputy Superior Court Clerk and has charge of the office in the absence of Col. Taylor, who is taking his annual vacation. The appointment of Mr. Bellamy is a handsome testimonial to his ability in this line of work and is one that will give general satisfaction to the public.

Let us bake your Cakes. Only steam oven in the city. Your Cakes will not have to stand over night, Can bake them at once. Palace Bakery. †

Cocoanuts 5c, Fresh Grated Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCE OF NEGRO'S DEATH.

Received Injuries in Fight Thanksgiving Day Which Probably Caused His Death Sunday—Coroner's Inquest.

Sam Campbell, a colored man about 25 years of age, who resides in Price's alley between Fifth and Sixth and Church and Castle streets, died Sunday night and there were circumstances surrounding his death which made a coroner's inquest necessary to determine the cause of the same.

The only witness examined at the inquest, which was held yesterday afternoon by Dr. Richard J. Price, was Campbell's mother, who testified that on Thanksgiving night her son was drunk and went down in that section of the city known as "The Hollow," where he became engaged in a quarrel with a bar-tender, which ended in his being struck either with a beer bottle or hickory stick. He returned to his home, resumed his work on the following morning, but in a short time was forced to confine himself to his room and send for a physician, who treated him for fever rather than for concussion of the brain. Several days after receiving the blow the negro sufferred a hemorrhage of blood from the nostrils and Dr. McMillan was sent for, and after making the proper diagnosis of the case sent him to the City Hospital, where later he became demented and was sent back to his home. He died Sunday night, as stated, and the facts as recited above reached Dr. Price, who at once empanelled a jury consisting of Capt. J. M. McGowan (foreman), George Harriss (clerk), H. B. Peschau, J. D. Stanland and J. B. Cooper, to inquire into the cause of the death. The hearing will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock in Justice McGowan's office, where other witnesses can be summoned by Constable Sheehan.

Late yesterday afternoon Drs. Price and McMillan began an autopsy, which will be concluded this morning before the jury of inquest meets again to hear the remaining testimony.

No arrests have been made as yet.

THE CHRISTMAS GAME.

Neither Wilmington or Fayetteville Scored in Foot Ball Contest Played Here Monday—The Line-Up.

The Fayetteville and Wilmington foot-ball teams met on the gridiron at Hilton Park on Christmas afternoon and played a beautiful game from start to finish. Despite the inclement weather a large crowd gathered and throughout the entire game exhibited great interest and enthusiasm.

Neither side scored although Fayetteville's goal was endangered more than once; the home boys at one time having advanced the ball to Fayetteville's 12 yard line. The game was characterized chiefly by punting and line rushing, there being few opportunities for end runs owing to the spectators crowding on the field.

Fayetteville played a strong vigorous game throughout but was unable to withstand the fierce rushes of Bellamy, Sinclair and Hatch.

Both sides fumbled frequently and but for that Wilmington would have scored a touch-down in the second half.

For Fayetteville, MacRae J. and Martin played the best game, the rushing of the former and the tackling of the latter being particularly noticeable. With the exception of a little slugging in the first half, the game was clean and honest. The Fayetteville boys are a jolly good crowd and put up a clean game. They are all gentlemen and Wilmington hopes to meet them again.

The line up was as follows:

WILMINGTON.		FAYETTEVILLE.
Hergenrother	C.	Watson.
Brown	L. G.	Fetzer.
Savage	R. G.	Cromartie.
Wanamaker	L. T.	Yonan.
Watson	R. T.	McFadgen.
Latham	L. E.	Martin.
Brunson	R. E.	Sutton.
McMillan	Q.	Lambeth.
Bellamy, H.	R. H.	MacRae, J.
Hatch	L. H.	MacRae, C.
Sinclair	F.	McFadgen.

The officials were:

Umpire—Dr. McGougan.

Referee—Ed. Wooten.

Timekeepers—Marsden Bellamy and H. M. Pemberton.

Linesmen—H. L. Southerland and Gaster.

SOUTHERLAND-ROGERS MARRIAGE.

Celebrated Sunday Evening at Residence of Bride's Parents on Greenville Sound.

At the residence of Mr. W. L Rogers, on Greenville Sound, Sunday evening at six o'clock, a pretty home wedding was celebrated when Mr. Lafayette Southerland led to the altar Miss Julia Etta Rogers, the only daughter of Mr. Rogers, and they were happily joined in wedlock, Mr. James Hines, of Myrtle Grove Sound, officiating.

The bridesmaids, who were handsomely attired in white organdie, were Miss Lizzie Williamson, Miss Beulah Canady and Miss Mary Keyes. The groomsmen were Messrs. George Brooks, Thos. Keyes and Samuel Southerland.

After the wedding a bountiful supper was served and enjoyed by the bridal party. The popular couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Southerland will reside on Myrtle Grove Sound.

Watch us unload a car of Fruit in front of our store Friday. We are going to make somebody sick on prices. Palace Bakery. †

Mixed Nuts 10c per pound, Cocoanuts 5c. Fresh Ground Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. John F. Cox, of Jacksonville, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. John L. Arrington, of Bocky Mount spent Christmas here.

— Mr. A. L. Walton, of Florence, S. C., is in the city, visiting relatives.

— Sheriff F. W. Hargett, of Jacksonville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Robert W. Herring, of the State University, spent Christmas in the city.

— Mr. Rube Davis, of Rocky Mount, enjoyed his Christmas in Wilmington.

— Jno. D. Shaw, Esq., of Rockingham, is in the city on professional business.

— Mr. W. L. Burkheimer, spent the Christmas holidays at Bennettsville, S. C.

— Mr. L. H. McClammy, of Scott's Hill, greeted his friends on the streets yesterday.

— Mr. George Baldwin returned yesterday from Clarkton, where he spent Christmas.

— Miss Nellie Faison of Faison, is visiting in the city, the guest of relatives and friends.

— The Rev. L. S. Massey and wife, of Laurinburg, were among last evening's arrival at The Orton.

— Mr. Hugh L. Miller, of Charleston, formerly of Wilmington, arrived in the city last evening.

— Dr. M. H. P. Clark, dental surgeon, of Franklin, N. C., arrived in the city last night and will locate here.

— W. H. Pope, Esq., of Fayetteville, attorney for the Atlantic Coast Line, arrived in the city last evening.

— Miss Annie Southerland, of Kenansville, is visiting in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jno. J. Kelly.

— Mr. W. I. Taylor, is at home from the North Carolina Medical College at Davidson to spend the holiday vacation.

— Miss Penelope Myers, of Washington, N. C., arrived in the city last evening visiting Mrs. W. D. McMillan, Jr.

— Mr. John Donlan, of Rocky Mount, was here to eat his Christmas turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Donlan.

— Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Price, came back yesterday from Newbern, where they paid a Christmas visit to friends.

— Miss Fannie Bowden, housekeeper at The Orton, returned last evening from a visit to her home at Kenansville.

— Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boatwright, returned yesterday evening from Richmond, Va., where they spent Chrstmas.

— Capt. W. S. Warrock is quite sick at his home on Second street. There was no improvement in his condition last night.

— Miss Clara Ashburn, of Portsmouth, Va., arrived here last evening on a visit to the Misses Clark, on Sixth and Market streets.

— Miss Lizzie Stevens, of Hartford, Md., is here on a visit to her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Thomas, on North Front street near Grace.

— Mr. Albert Wilkinson, night operator at the Postal Telegraph office, is back at his post after several days at Durham, N. C.

— Col. and Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor and daughter, Miss Fannie Taylor, are visiting in Richmond, Va., the guests of relatives and friends.

— Mr. H. Hergenrother, of Baltimore, is here, spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Louise Korb, and his brother, Mr. Adam Hergenrother.

— The STAR had a pleasant call yesterday from Capt. A. W. Wiggs, now of Robeson county, but formerly a well known and efficient Captain of the police force of Wilmington.

— Mr. Jos. H. McRee, the civil engineer who is engaged in building a narrow gauge railroad in Brunswick county for the Cape Fear Lumber Company came, home to spend the holidays with his family.

— Mr. W. P. Oldham, Jr., who now fills a position in the motive department of the Southern Railway, at Washington, D. C., left for that city Christmas night after spending a couple of days with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Oldham. Mr. Oldham was recently sent by his company to straighten out the books at the Atlanta office, and he found the trouble and finished up the job in a day. The STAR is glad to learn that his prospects with the Southern are good.

Fayetteville Rooters.

Accompanying the Fayetteville foot ball team to this city Christmas day were the following lusty rooters, all wearing the "red:" Messrs. Emmett Pemberton, J. L. McFadyen, J. R. Pemberton, J. A. Brown, L. B. Hale, J. D. Williams, Jr., J. L. Shaw, William Owen, H. M. Pemberton, A. S. Wightman, R. H. Dye, A. B. Williams, Jr., S. H. McKinnon, Hackney Pool, Charles Goddard, J. G. Bynum, T. C. Bynum, N. H. McGeachy, Geo. O'Hanlon, C. H. McDonald, E. L. Glover, P. Watson, W. D. Hall, S. R. Horne, J. S. McNeill and Ambrose Williams.

— The ordinance requiring dogs to be muzzled and confined, on account of the recent maddog scare, expired by limitation Christmas morning. This was a Chirstmas gift for Towser and Fido.

Men's and Boys' Overcoats!

Ours Are the Best Fitting, Most Graceful Garments Ever Offered, Ready to Wear.

They have the new, wide sloping shoulders, straight hanging skirts, and as the length of Overcoats this season is purely a matter of individual taste, we have

Cut Them Short, Medium and Long.

Our stock is a large one and contains all the NEW NOVELTIES. We stand behind them with a guarantee that insures satisfaction or your money back.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING COMPANY,
Masonic Temple Stores.
dec 24 2t

BALANCE OF
Christmas :-: Goods
AT COST
Not very many, but a fair assortment.
J. H. Rehder & Co.
dec 27 tf

"A Merry Xmas to Our Friends and Patrons."

Men of Wealth and Refinement

will never wear anything but Clothing that is made by a first-class Tailor, because they will have nothing but the best, and they get it when they come here, after we have taken their measure and made them up a SUIT OF CLOTHES from our sterling quality of fabrics that is perfect in style, fit and finish.

If you are in need we can have you a Suit or Overcoat by the New Year.

Our lines of Holiday Novelties are handsome. Call and see them.

The Manhattan Full Dress Shirt is a beauty.

M. H. CURRAN,
107 PRINCESS STREET.
dec 24 tf

Sweet Oranges.
All Kinds Nuts.
Very low Prices on Xmas Fruits, at
J. B. & J. C. KING.
dec 14 tf

Again to the Front.

On the honor roll of St. Nicholas League for January, 1900, appears the name of our young townsman, Robert H. McKoy, Jr., an art pupil of Mrs. Devereux H. Lippitt. Creditable mention by such a periodical reflects honor upon the work, which was done without the knowledge of his instructor, and is a high tribute to the ability of both teacher and pupil.

St. John's Day.

St. John's day will be observed by the Masonic fraternity in Wilmington generally to-day. At 8 o'clock to-night, at St. John's hall, St. John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington Lodge No. 319 and Orient Lodge No. 395 will install the elective and appointive officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

Read the advertisement of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency in this issue of the STAR. It offers for sale some very valuable farms. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

Is hereby given to those interested that the Stock Law as passed by the last Legislature, goes into effect on January 1st, 1900.

ROGER MOORE,
dec 27 1t Chm'n B'd Co. Commissioners.

Annual Meeting
Endowment Rank K. of P.

This (Wednesday) evening, December 27th, 7.30 o'clock sharp, Castle Hall, No. 25 North Front street.
H. O CRAIG, President.
dec 27 1t JAS. D. NUTT, Secretary.

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of N J. Burch, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of Decemb-r, A. D., 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment
T. E. WALLACE,
dec 27 6w Executor.

FOX RIVER BUTTER.

A shipment of this CELEBRATED BUTTER just received.

Also, several car-loads of other Groceries.

Here to do business.
Get my prices.

D. L. GORE,
Wholesale Grocer,
dec 27 tf Wilmington, N. C.

THE BEST LINEN that can be bought is used in the neckband wristbands and bosom of every man's shirt that we sell.

It is made in a perfect manner. The buttonholing is as good as can be done; the stitching is strong and even; the bosom is re-enforced. One of the most important things about our Shirts, the price, is moderate.

VONGLAHN & GIBSON,
MEN'S WEAR DEPOT.
dec 27 tf No. 120 Market St.

Evaporated Apples.

1200 Pounds Evaporated Apples.
2000 Pounds Sun Dried Apples.
1800 Bags 100 lb Salt.
1000 Bags 125 lb Salt.
1425 Bags 180 lb Salt.
1116 Bags 200 lb Salt.
115 Bags Table Salt.
108 Barrels Rice.
115 Bags Rio Coffee.
27 Cases Arbuckle's Coffee.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
dec 27 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Dividend Notice.

The Directors of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable on and after this date. Local stockholders will please call at the bank for their checks.
J. S. WORTH,
dec 24 2t Acting Cashier.

IT IS A MISTAKE

As stated in yesterday's "Messenger," that there are no Business Houses FOR RENT. One of the most desirable stores in the city, now occupied by Fishblate Clothing Company.

will be vacant from Oct. 1st.
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Dividend Notice.

The Directors of the Atlantic National Bank have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent., payable on and after this date. Local stockholders will please call at the bank for their checks.
dec 24 2t LEE H. BATTLE, Cashier.

OFFICE CUSTODIAN U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE, Wilmington, North Carolina, December 20, 1899. Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P. M. on the 28th day of December, 1899, and then opened for repairs, painting, &c., at the above named building. Copies of the specification may be had at this office. JOHN C. DANCY, Custodian.
dec 23 3t fr su we

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday $5 00 a year, $2 50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days $1.75; three days, $2 50; four days, $3.00; five days $3 50; one week, $4 00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks $8.50; one month, $10 00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40 00; twelve months, $60 00. Ten lines of solid Nonpareil type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

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Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

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Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

MORE LOOTING PROPOSED.

There has been a great deal of talk for some years past about the necessity of pension reform, but if we are any nearer pension reform to-day than we were two, five or ten years ago no one has discovered it. A movement was started in that direction when Mr. Cleveland was President, but it utterly failed, for the Republican politicians solidly opposed it, and a good many Northern Democrats dodged it, because they were afraid of its effect on their political fortunes. Mr. Cleveland showed his honesty and independence by not only speaking very plainly on the pension abuses and the necessity of reform, but by vetoing a job lot of private pension bills, and the pensioners and their friends, supplemented by the pension attorneys, reciprocated by doing their level best to turn him down and retire him to private life, although most of his recommendations were made at the suggestion of a Commissioner of Pensions who had served with distinction as a soldier in the Union army during the civil war.

This Commissioner had good opportunities to investigate the pension rolls and to learn the frauds that were being perpetrated, but the partisan organs which believe in looting the Treasury for partisan purposes opened their batteries on him and kept up the fire while he remained in office. And yet he was only advocating honesty and justice to the taxed and plundered people and in the interest of the deserving soldiers who might be justly entitled to pensions.

The present Commissioner of Pensions, Evans, has also had opportunities to discover the frauds practiced on the people through the instrumentality of dishonest, grasping pension attorneys, and he, too, has urged the necessity of reform, but instead of meeting with the endorsement of his party he has incurred hostility, and strong demands have been made for his removal from office. He has not been removed, for no decent excuse can be found for that, but an effort has been made to get rid of him by tendering him some appointment in Cuba, which he declined. The pension attorneys have declared war against him, and have been to some extent successful, for he isn't saying much about pension reform now. He has doubtless discovered that this is not a popular thing with his party and has concluded that his efforts in that direction are a waste of energy, and that there is, therefore, no use in putting himself up as a target to be shot at, when there is nothing to be accomplished by it.

The pension roll now amounts to about $140,000,000 a year, with prospects of a considerable increase rather than a decrease. But not satisfied with the present expenditures the politicians are moving for more raids upon the Treasury, as if money grew in the fields and all the Government had to do was to harvest it. Instead of pension reform bills to reduce the expenditures, bills are proposed adding millions to the account, practically pulling down all the barriers to fraud, and giving the pension attorneys and the pension claimants free access to the Treasury. Two of these bills are thus referred to by the Philadelphia *Ledger*, a non-partisan paper, and one which has never failed to show its friendship for the deserving soldier:

"The Cullom Pension bill introduced in Congress is not only a peculiarly impudent and indefensible scheme of public plunder, but an insult to the intelligence of the country and to the brave and honorable old soldiers on the pension roll, whose heroic services to the country are placed on an equality with desertion. The Cullom bill directs the Secretary of War to grant an honorable discharge to 'all soldiers who were at any time in the actual service of the United States, and who have for more than thirty years been held to be ineligible for such honorable discharge by reason of any charge of desertion which may stand against them.'

"This is a proposal to degrade the meritorious old soldier, to pension the vast army of bounty jumpers and deserters, and to reward the faithless, the cowardly and the treacherous, who ought to be shot. There is a record of 117,647 deserters from the Union army during the Civil War, and if the estimated number of them now living were placed on the pension rolls $10,000,000 a year would be required to pay them. In addition to the recorded cases of desertion there is that army of undetected bounty jumpers who are included among the missing. The Lentz bill seems to supplement the Cullom bill completely in opening the doors wide. If the Lentz General Service Pension bill should become a law it would take about $90,000,000 a year from the Treasury.

"Two bills call for an additional expenditure of about $100,000,000 a year and it is inconceivable that Congress will consider a step which would bankrupt the Treasury or call for onerous and unnecessary new taxation for such unworthy purposes. The Cullom bill is infamous, and Senator Cullom, in defence of his action as introducer of the bill, has announced, it is reported, that he introduced it by request, and will oppose it. A bill to pension deserters is simply placing a premium upon desertion, and the records of the present war show that this would be a dangerous policy. In response to a resolution of the Senate calling for the number of desertions from the regular and volunteer armies, the Secretary of War makes a statement showing that from May 1, 1898, to June 30, 1899, the very large number of 5772 men deserted, 2736 being volunteers and 3036 regulars. A considerable army has been deserted when desertion is a disgrace; what would be the result if premium were placed on desertion?

"The proposition to place the malingerers, bounty jumpers and deserters on a parity with courageous defenders of the nation should arouse the just resentment of the brave men who fought and suffered in a glorious cause. The Lentz Service bill also places on an equality with those who received wounds and contracted disease in battle and camp a great army who do not need aid, and should not look to the Treasury for support. Both bills are the expression of an unbridled and rapacious policy of loot, and deserve the active, persistent opposition of all honorable old soldiers and all patriotic citizens."

Cullom is a Republican, Lentz is a Democrat, and they are both playing their game proposing to raid the Treasury for the politics they think there is in it.

The impression prevailed at one time that the pension roll was a roll of honor, and that impression still prevails with a good many people, but the average politician who thinks he wins votes for himself and his party by "liberal" pensions, goes for the liberality and lets honor go to the dogs. The people pay the bill and they reap the benefit, and that accounts for the interest they take in the soldiers.

Where these fellows will stop no mortal can tell, when with the immense number of names now on the pension list, nearly a million, and with the thousands of frauds already upon it, they propose to let in all the frauds without question, and put them all on the same footing with the deserving soldier. With our ordinary expenses increasing every year, to which is to be added a monthly increasing war debt, these political mountebanks would add a hundred millions a year or more to the taxes the people pay and this, too, for the benefit of frauds who are entitled to no recognition at all, and when they also knew that thousands of names will be added to the pension rolls as a result of the Spanish and Philippine war. Pension reform is a back number, and will be while looters like Cullom and Lentz have the cheek to propose with such bills in Congress.

HEARTACHES VS. DOLLARS AND CENTS.

In one of his speeches in Nebraska Wm. J. Bryan was interrupted several times by an expansionist, to all of which Mr. Bryan replied with appropriate and incisive retort. Speaking of the war in the Philippines this expansionist declared that they "were valuable," in reply to which Mr. Bryan thundered:

"I dare you to measure the lives of American boys and the heartaches of American mothers by the paltry dollars and cents of commerce; I dare you do it!"

The people felt the appropriateness of this reply and manifested it by rapturous applause.

Of all the arguments advanced in defence of this war in the Philippines, this mercenary one is the meanest and most despicable. The man who would sacrifice human life, bring sorrow to the hearts of bereaved parents and wives and children, and gloom to desolate homes, for commercial gain, heralds to the world his own sordid baseness and admits the grasping greed which deadens his ear to the cry of humanity, and makes callous his heart for the dollars that may go into his pocket. National honor and national defence, are just defences and respectable reasons for war and carnage, but to plead "value," commercial gain, dollars and cents as an offset to lives lost, health destroyed and crippled bodies and vacant chairs in the home circle, is too brutal and despicable to be listened to with patience by any one whose heart is not corroded and from which the better impulses have not been banished by the bosses. No wonder Mr. Bryan's eye flashed with the fire of indignation, and the audience wildly applauded when he thundered the reply which we have quoted in answer to his interrupter.

And yet we have never read a speech or an article in defence of the policy of forcible expansion in the Philippines that this mercenary argument did not figure conspicuously. There is no honor, nor chivalry, no humanity in that, it is simply sordid, base and revolting. Mothers' heartaches should not be measured by paltry dollars and cents.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Cures Croup and Whooping-Cough
Unexcelled for Consumptives. Gives quick, sure results. Refuse substitutes.
Dr. Bull's Pills cure Biliousness. Trial, 20 for 5c.

RAILROADS IN AFRICA.

Twenty years ago a person who would predict much railroad building in Africa would be regarded as a wild visionary if not a crank, and yet Southern Africa has several railroads and Cecil Rhodes' scheme of a road running the length of the continent to connect Northern and Southern Africa is making rapid progress, and France is discussing projects to connect her possessions with the coast. Commenting on this the Atlanta *Constitution* says:

"The French are now looking upon Africa with quite as much anxiety as the English.

"The competition in Africa elicits a strongly supported demand in France for the more rapid building of railways, and particularly for the construction of a trans-Saharan line. This project is designed as a sort of offset to the British Cairo to the Cape' enterprise, and the one is not much more advanced than the other. The Marseilles chamber of commerce in a report to the minister on commerce, says: 'The question whether the railways will pay is not to be considered.' It declares that France having laid hands upon points 1,200 and 1,800 miles from the sea, must establish a connection or lose the fruit of its labor. While reiterating that the doubtful element of future profit must not hinder actual work, the intimation is held out that a profitable traffic can be built up.

"The Belgian Kongo region is cited as an example. The railway from Stanley Pool the sea, 249 miles long, was fully completed in May, 1898, and 62 miles were operation as early as 1899. The total capital and bonds amount to $12 545,000 and the present monthly receipts are $193,000. The commercial movement has increased from $3 406,450 in this colony in 1893 to $9 746 500 in 1898.

"The principal business is in caoutchouc, a product that is firm in price and even advancing while the general trend of prices of other products is downward. It is contended that the French colonies in Africa are veritable mines of rubber and other products which will make a railroad pay a good dividend, besides opening up an unexplored part of the world."

This is a day of magnificent railroad schemes, among the most conspicuous of which is the Trans-Siberian road which will be soon completed, and the "from Cape Town to Cairo," road of Cecil Rhodes, upon which work is being pushed with vigor. None of these roads is expected to pay any time in the near future. They are being built simply as developers, as empire strengtheners, and as military highways is case of war. National rivalry will stimulate this kind of railroad building, just as France is now being spurred up by the example of the English in Africa.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Early Cole and John Dull, two negro boys, were arrested this afternoon for snatching $40 from Miss Georgie Wommack, of Clemmonsville. The defendants were caught after a lively chase.

— Danbury *Reporter*: Unknown parties tried to kill Deputy Marshal George Priddy's horses on last Thursday night by placing dynamite in his stable. Some of the dynamite exploded but did no damage more than tearing up the floor in the stable.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. W. L. Pittmann, of the clerical force at the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank, tried to commit suicide Saturday by cutting his throat. He severed an artery on the right side of his neck and came very near bleeding to death before he was found.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: Much cotton on the penitentiary farms will be left in the fields to become the property of the landlords. The superintendents may have done their duty, but considering the exceptionally favorable weather this fall for picking it looks like laziness or worse.

— Monroe *Journal*: The Monroe Oil Mill is a 40 ton plant, that is, it is designed to handle that many seed per day, from which the yield of oil is about 1,300 gallons —— A barn on Mr. Hanan Preslar's place four miles below town was burned at 7 o'clock Monday night. It is thought to be another crime at the hand of the incendiaries operating in the adjoining community.

— Wilson *News*: Deputy Collector W. L Wood is a terror to the illicit distillers. On Thursday night in Nash county, near Gold Rock, on the watson lands, he with a posse destroyed four 80 gallon stills. He found 4,300 gallons of beer and 60 gallons of low wine. The stills were nearly new, and were almost in the open, being in low pens. There are clues which may lead to the arrest of the "sow paw" makers.

— Durham *Herald*: S. W. Matlock, a young white man, who has been in the county workhouse for a year or more, has been pardoned by Governor Russell and is now a free man again. He obtained a pardon through the effort of Rev. R. Hibbard who has preached and done missionary work at the county home. Matlock was arrested forging the name of one of the warehouse firms and attempting to pass the check on the cashier of the First National Bank. He spent about a year in jail before he received a two years sentence to the county home.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1 00. Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed. †

No Right To Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has consumption or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run down invalid. Only 50 cents at R. R. BELLAMY's Drug Store. †

TWINKLINGS.

— From the End Man: "Why is Aguinaldo like a man who lives by his wits?" "I dunno." "He carries his capital with him."—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

— The Next Question: "What is your occupation, my good woman?" said the examining attorney to the witness for the defendant. "O'im a washerwoman, sorr." "Where do you hang out?"—*Judge.*

— Maud (earnestly)—"I want to ask you a question, George." George (also earnestly)—"What is it dearest?" Maud (still earnestly)—"If you had never met me, would you have loved me just the same.—*Tit Bits.*

— She—"That's a nice horse." He—"Nice looking; but he's wrong in his wind." She—"What's that?" He—"He can't gallop a mile without whistling like a locomotive." She—"Well, I should say there's not much wrong with the wind if he can whistle like that after galloping a mile."—*Punch.*

— "Don't you think the word 'game' is the wrong term to apply to such a dangerous pastime as football?" asked Mrs. Snaggs. "Not at all,', replied Mr. Snaggs; "at least not so long as the expression 'the game of war' is allowable in the English language."—*Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.*

— At the Front: Editor (Podunk *Herald*)—"Heard anything from the war correspondent we hired at five a week to represent us in the Transvaal?" Foreman—"Yes; here's his dispatch about the last battle: 'There was a perfect hail of bullets, some of which were as big as hen's eggs!' "—*Puck.*

— "Why, what's the matter, Nellie!" asked her maiden aunt. "Oh, auntie," replied the bride of a month, "it's too provoking for anything. Tom treats me as if I were a child." "Well, don't mind a little thing like that, my dear," said the old lady; "when you get to be my age you will remember it with pleasure."—*Chicago News.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Ten years ago the Republican party was a silver party. Five years age it was a bimetallism party. Now it is a gold party. There is no telling what it will be five years from now. It may reach the conclusion that trust bonds are the only standard of value.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— "President McKinley," it is stated, "does not favor the practice that has obtained in the party in power of sending Federal officeholders as delegates to the national conventions." Possibly he does not. The important, however, i what practice does Mr. Hanna favor?.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— The last of the volunteer troops enlisted for service in the Philippines have just left San Francisco in the transport Grant. Evidently, the War Department does not consider that the war is over, or even the large body of troops at Otis's command is sufficient to end it, else these reinforcements would not have been sent forward.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— The disclosure of the great amount of water in the copper stocks by their shrinkage of nearly $200,000,000 since last spring is made more striking by the fact that the metal has advanced in price four cents in the same time. Other things being equal, a rise in the price of the product would cause a rise in the price of the shares. But here the amount of water swamped this factor. The high rate of money may have exaggerated the decline of the shares, but the great cause is the letting out of a lot of water.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, Rep.*

BREVITIES

PERSONALITIES.

Emile France of San Francisco has a collection of 240 books on etiquette.

Collis P. Huntington is said to be writing a book of reminiscences of famous railroad men.

Colonel Saunderson, the Irish M. P., is proud of the fact that he rode the first bicycle ever introduced into Ireland.

Alvey A. Adee, second assistant secretary of state, has resumed his duties at the department after a hoiday of two months in France, Switzerland and Italy.

Governor Stanley of Kansas is an amateur photographer who has perfected himself both in the use of the camera and the developing and printing of pictures.

The Hon. Albert W. Paine of Bangor, Me., has resigned the position of librarian of the Penobscot county bar, after holding it 60 years, and also that of treasurer, in which he has served 50 years.

M. Delormel, who wrote the "Boulanger March" and many other popular concert hall songs, being the most successful of any in that line in Paris, is dead. His songs brought him in $10,000 a year.

George Brandes, the Danish critic, says that Ibsen recently gave him an odd reason for liking Russia. "Their splendid system of oppression," said the dramatist, "engenders such a love of liberty."

Governor Roosevelt is one of probably a very few public men who have kept up their knowledge of other languages since leaving college. He reads a certain amount of French, German, Greek and Latin every week.

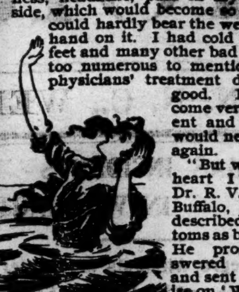
Miss Edith Jennings, who was introduced at the queen's drawing room in May, is creating a great sensation in London by her exceptional beauty. She was complimented by the queen, and that set the ball rolling.

Abram S. Hewitt is probably a sorry man today. When the site on which stands the old custom house in New York was offered to him for $50,000, he said he would not have it as a gift and pay taxes on it. It has just been sold for $3,265,000. It cost the government $1,800,000.

T. Fugita, the new Japanese consul to Chicago, who has just arrived in that city, is highly educated and is ranked as an able diplomat. Eight years ago he was attached to the legations at Washington and San Francisco, and has been connected with the consular service of the government for many years. He is 41 years old.

E. N. Dingley of Kalamazoo, Mich., a son of the late Congressman Dingley, is engaged on a life of his father. "President McKinley," he says, "has practically agreed to write the preface, while the members of the ways and means committee associated with Mr. Dingley in the preparation of the Dingley tariff bill will each probably contribute a chapter.

"I Thought I Would Never Be Well Again."



One of the saddest things that can happen to a woman is to fall into such a depth of despondency through unnatural weakness and disease as to imagine that she can never recover. "For two years," says Mrs. W. G. Day, of Trussville, Jefferson Co., Ala. "I had suffered with weakness, headache, pain in my back and side, which would become so sore that I could hardly bear the weight of my hand on it. I had cold hands and feet and many other bad symptoms too numerous to mention. Home physicians' treatment did me no good. I had become very despondent and thought I would never be well again.

"But with a faint heart I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., and described my symptoms as best I could. He promptly answered by letter, and sent me a treatise on 'Woman and Her Diseases'; he also outlined a treatment for me which I followed to the best of my ability, and after taking six bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription,' I can truthfully say that I felt like a new woman. In a few months afterwards, when I was suffering with the many troubles due to pregnancy, I procured 'Favorite Prescription' again and took it through that time. I soon became very stout and felt well. I was in labor only a short time and got along well: better than I ever did before. My baby is a fine boy, now two months old, and has never been sick any. I cannot find words sufficient to express my praise of Dr. Pierce's medicine. I never miss an opportunity to recommend it. I hope all suffering ladies will consult him, for they will be benefited by taking his medicine."

Letters to Dr. Pierce are treated in the most sacred confidence, and never published without permission, and the most careful, professional advice is given by return mail free of charge.

Women would understand their own mental and physical natures better; they would make better wives and mothers; they would be every way healthier, happier, and more capable, by reading and studying Dr. Pierce's great thousand-page illustrated book, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser. It is a veritable, complete family medical library in one magnificent volume. More than half a million copies have been sold at $1.50 each, but a free copy, paper-bound, will be sent to any woman on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps, to pay the cost of mailing only; or if a heavier, handsome cloth-bound book is preferred, send 31 stamps.

Electric Belt on Trial.

To introduce it and obtain agents, the undersigned firm will send a few of their Electric Belts on trial on the following terms: $1.00 to be paid in ten days if the Belt proves beneficial, and the balance, $2 00, to be paid in sixty days if the Belt effects a cure. These Belts are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney trouble, Stomach and Liver trouble, Asthma, etc. Address at once

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HE STOLE A CORPSE.

And That Is Why the Joke Was on the Thief.

"There are people in this town who will steal anything," said a thin man with a string tie as he rolled a fresh cigarette and asked his friend for a light. "Yes, sir, they will take the buttons off your coat if you don't watch 'em. I was 'touched' twice during the past month, and last winter some one copped out my overcoat at a restaurant while I was getting lunch.

"But it's all right. I got even the other day in a small way, and I've been laughing ever since. We had an old cat over in our flat which had been a pet of my wife's ever since we were married. Elvira—that's the cat's name, not my wife's—was so old she had lost nearly all her teeth, and we had to feed her on milk and soft stuff. This got tiresome, because I had to do the feeding, and I decided that Elvira was about due to die.

"One night I sneaked home a bottle of chloroform, and after my wife went out to one of the clubs or something she belongs to I wet a sponge with the chloroform and went out in the kitchen looking for Elvira. There she was, curled up on a chair, and before she knew what was going on I had her fixed. Didn't hurt her, you know, and she really was a burden to herself.

"When my wife came home, I looked solemn and told her Elvira was dead—went off in a fit. There were tears, of course, and the remains had to be viewed. My wife insisted that Elvira should have a decent burial and would not listen to my suggestion that the body be disposed of in the usual way. Finally I consented to take Elvira out in the country the next day and bury her myself, and was called a 'dear old boy.'

"Early next morning, after a lot of tears from my wife, I started out with Elvira neatly done up in a couple of sheets of wrapping paper. I took a car which connects with a suburban line and deposited my bundle on the rear platform next to the gate, while I went inside to read the paper. I was deep in the sporting page when the transfer station was reached, and the conductor had to offer me a transfer twice. I went out on the platform, and bless your soul if Elvira hadn't disappeared. Some guy thought the package contained my morning marketing and had swiped it.

"I was a bit put out at first, but when I realized that for once I had the laugh on the thief I felt good. Laugh? Well, I should say yes. People on the street must have thought I had a giggling jag on. I did not advertise for the return of Elvira and no questions asked for several reasons, but I'd give $5 to know what that fellow said when he opened the package."—Washington Star.

A Very Secret Drawer.

"A secret drawer is sometimes very hard to locate in a large cabinet," said a dealer in curios. "I had such a piece of furniture in the store last winter and knew the drawer was there from a reference to it in an old inventory, but in spite of all my efforts I couldn't discover just where it was. I concluded that the spring must be concealed somewhere about the very ornate carving which ornamented the sides, but it escaped my scrutiny until one day when I had a bit of inspiration. Such drawers are usually made of sheet steel, both for security and on account of its thinness, and I simply passed a small pocket compass up and down before the carving.

"At one certain point the needle, just as I had anticipated, was deflected, and I knew I had at last hit on the right spot. I located it within a few inches and then pushed and prodded every projection with the point of a darning needle until something gave way and out jumped the drawer. It was very cleverly masked at the edges by the curves of the pattern, and nobody in the world would suspect its existence. I had hoped that I might find something of value in it, but I was disappointed. It was quite empty."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Started New Hair

Hon. John H. Gardner, member Wyoming State Legislature from Beulah, Crook Co., in letter dated February 20, 1899, to the

7 Sutherland Sisters

says: "According to agreement made in Salt Lake City, if your preparations proved a benefit to my bald head, I was to send you a testimonial... There is a fine growth of new hair started. Am not troubled any more with dandruff and that annoying itching of the scalp. I had tried everything I could hear of before I saw you, but received no benefit. You can use this if you wish. Please send me half-dozen bottles."

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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971.54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79.160.28	
Due from other banks	169.160.99	
Cash on hand	79,331.51	—327,652 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207,693.55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	—1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	75,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

☞ Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. dec 8 tf

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 48 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 47½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 42@41½c; rosin, nothing doing; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30@2.30, $2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	27
Rosin	213
Tar	560
Crude turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year.—177 casks spirits turpentine, 883 bbls rosin, 562 bbls tar, 15 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 9 16	cts ⅌ lb
Good ordinary	5 15 16	" "
Low middling	6 9-16	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good middling	7⅜	" "

Same day last year middling 5⅜c.

Receipts—501 bales; same day last year, 282.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1 05. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm; 52 to 52½ cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 90c@$1.10; upland 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Money on call was steady at 2½@6 per cent., last loan at 3 per cent., ruling rate 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer; actual business in bankers' bills at 487¼@487⅜ for demand and 480⅝ for sixty days. Posted rates 481½@482½ and 488@488½. Commercial bills 480@480½. Silver certificates 58⅜@59½. Bar silver 58½. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds firm. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U S. 2's, reg'd, 102½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110½; do. coupon, 110½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 134¼; do. coupon, 134¼; U. S. old 4's, reg'd. 114½; do. coupon, 115½; U. S. 5's, registered, 113⅛; do. coupon, 113¼; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 107; Southern Railway 5's 106¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 51; Chesapeake & Ohio 28½; Manhattan L 92; New York Central 128; Reading 17¼; do. 1st preferred 46¼; St. Paul 116½; do. preferred 166; Southern Railway 11¾; do. preferred 52; American Tobacco, 90½; do. preferred 130; People's Gas 98; Sugar 124; do. preferred 111; T. C. & Iron 73¾; U. S. Leather 12⅜; do. preferred 71; Western Union 88.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 51½@52c.

CHARLESTON, December 26.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48c; sales — casks; no receipts. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, December 26.—Spirits turpentine was steady at 48c; sales 130 casks; receipts 562 casks; exports 11,950 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,558 barrels; receipts 4,836 barrels; exports 9,281 barrels: A, B, C, D, $1 10; E, $1 15; F, $1 25; G, $1 30; H, $1 50; I, $1 55; K, $1 60; M, $1 90; N, $2 30; W G, $2 80; W W, $3 60.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 26.—There was a pretty firm cotton market today, considering the absence of cable accounts. After opening quiet but firm at an advance of three to eight points, sentiment wavered for a time and prices fell off a few points, but again the market developed pronounced strength, following strong accounts from the South regarding the attitude of holders of spot cotton, with a number of other bullish factors including a more or less current belief that Liverpool would open up in good shape to-morrow; also, that the recent extensive liquidation had relieved the market of reason to fear January "notices" due to-morrow. New business went chiefly to the long side of the account. This all led to covering, but at no time was business particularly active, the preference of the trade being, as a rule, to hold off for to morrow's cables. The market closed very steady at a net rise of seven to fourteen points.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Cotton, nothing doing; middling uplands 7⅝c.

Futures closed very steady: December 7.14, January 7.17, February 7.12, March 7.32, April 7.36, May 7.41, June 7.42, July 7.43, August 7.40, September 7.01, October 6.91, November 6.84.

Spot cotton closed with nothing doing and prices 1-16c higher; middling uplands 7⅝c; middling gulf 7⅞c; sales 212 bales.

Net receipts 1,963 bales; gross receipts 3,292 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,615 bales; coastwise 879 bales; stock 112,650 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 17,999 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,050 bales; exports to France 3,093 bales; exports to the Continent 18,531 bales; stock 1,124,894 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 82,867 bales; exports to Great Britain 14,549 bales; exports to France 3,093 bales; exports to the Continent 36,468 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 3,794,082 bales; exports to Great Britain 966,074 bales; exports to France 416,874 bales; exports to the Continent 1,064,716 bales.

December 26.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts 2,397 bales; Norfolk, steady at 7 5-16, net receipts 340 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7½c, net receipts — bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, steady at 7, net receipts 501 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 7¾c, receipts 264 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7⅛, net receipts 6,770 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7 5 16c, net receipts 2,163 bales; Mobile, quiet at 7 1-16, net receipts 2,100 bales; Memphis, steady at 7 5-16c, net receipts 1,107 bales; Augusta, steady at 7 3-16c, net receipts 2,556 bales; Charleston, nominal, net receipts 1,531 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Flour extremely dull and possibly tending downward with wheat, although not quotably lower. Minnesota patents $3 80@4 05. Wheat—Spot easy; No 2 red 73⅜c; options opened steady at ⅛c advance, influenced by a large decrease on passage, but subsequently was weakened by a surprisingly heavy increase in the visible supply figures. The absence of cables and export demand promoted general dullness all day. The close was easy at ⅛@¼c net decline; the sales effected included: March closed 74¾c; May closed 74⅝c; July closed 74¾; December closed 72½c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 40c; options opened firm at ¼c advance in sympathy with the West and on a liberal decrease. It held firmly all day with light offerings and closed very steady at ⅛@¼c advance. May closed 39⅛c; December closed 39c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28½c; options dull and featureless. Lard quiet; Western steam $5 80; refined steady. Pork steady; mess $10 00@10 50. Butter strong; Western creamery 23@27c; State dairy 18@25c. Cheese firm; fall made fancy small 12¾@13c; fall made, fancy large 12¾@12. Petroleum steady; New York $9 90; Philadelphia and Baltimore $9 85; do. in bulk $7 20. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 25d. Potatoes steady; New Jersey $1 25@1 50; New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50@2 00; Southern sweets $1 25@1 75; Jersey sweets $2 25@2 75. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania 23@24c; Western ungraded at mark 15@20c; Western 23c. loss off. Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra 4@6½c. Japan 4¼@5c. Coffee—Spot Rio dull and nominal; No. 7 invoice 6½c; No. 7 jobbing 7¼c; mild quiet; Cordova 8@12½c. Sugar—Raw firm and held higher; fair refining 3 13 16c; centrifugal 96 test 4¼c bid; molasses sugar 3 9-16c; refined steady; mould A 5 7 16; granulated 5 3-16c

CHICAGO, December 26.—Wheat, after opening firm on the weather and the decrease on passage and in shipments, weakened on the heavy increase in the visible supply, May closing ⅛@⅜c under Saturday. Corn closed ⅛c higher and oats ⅛c lower. Provisions closed 2½@5c higher to unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 62@64c; No. 2 red 67½@68c. Corn—No. 2, 31@31¼c. Oats—No. 2 22¾@22⅞c; No. 2 white 24½@25¼c; No. 3 white 24½@25c. Pork, per barrel, $8 70@10 15. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 15@5 50. Short rib sides, loose, $5 15@5 40. Dry salted shoulders, $5 37½@5 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $5 45@5 55. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 23½.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 65⅞, 66, 65½, 65⅝c; May 69¼, 69¼, 69¼, 69¼c; July 70⅛, 70⅜, 69⅝, 69¾@69¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 30¼, 30⅝, 30⅜, 30½c; January 30¼, 30⅞, 30⅝, 30⅝@30¾; May 32⅞@33, 33¼, 33⅞, 33c. Oats—December 22¼, 22¼, 22⅛, 22⅛c; January 23⅞@24, 23⅞@24, 23⅞, 23⅞c. Pork, per bbl—January $10 05, 10 05, 10 02½, 10 02½; May $10 42½, 10 42½, 10 35, 10 37½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $5 50, 5 50, 5 47½, 5 47½; May $5 75, 5 75, 5 67½, 5 70. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $5 27½, 5 27½, 5 25, 5 25; May $5 50, 5 50, 5 62½, 5 45.

BALTIMORE, December 26.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat very dull—spot and month 70⅜@70½c; January 70¾@71c; May 74@74½c; Southern wheat by sample 66@72c. Corn very dull—Spot and month 36⅜@37c; December, new or old, 36⅞@37c; January 37⅛@37¼c; February 37⅜@37⅝c; March 37½c; Southern white 33@37½c. Oats steady—No. 2 white 30½@31c; No. 2 mixed 28½@29c.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—277 bales cotton, 15 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—2 bales cotton, 4 barrels rosin, 51 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—185 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 165 barrels rosin, 494 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—21 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 18 barrels rosin.

C C. Railroad—16 bales cotton.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—3 casks spirits turpentine, 26 barrels rosin.

Total—Cotton, 501 bales; spirits turpentine, 27 casks; rosin, 213 barrels; tar, 560 barrels; crude turpentine, 14 barrels.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamship Richmond, Catherine, New York, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Br steamship Astrea, Brackenburg, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Steamship Saginaw—478 bbls spirits 57 bbls rosin, 3,030 bbls tar, 147 bbls crude, 246,012 feet lumber, 13 bbls pitch, 64 cases cotton goods, 55 pkgs mdse, 61 bales warps; vessel by H G Smallbones.

FOREIGN.

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Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Charles A. Foreman, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of November, A. D. 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. GEORGE E. FOREMAN, Executor.
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The National Bank of Wilmington.

6th December, 1899.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
U. S. City and County Bonds (at par)	$117,300.00	Capital and surplus	$118 030.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	23,000.00	Circulation	90 000.00
Loans and discounts	223 340.21	Deposits	287, 91 27
Redempt on fund	4 500 0	Net profits, Expenses and taxes paid	3,362.72
Due from Banks and cash on hand	130,513.78		
	$498,653.99		$498,653.99

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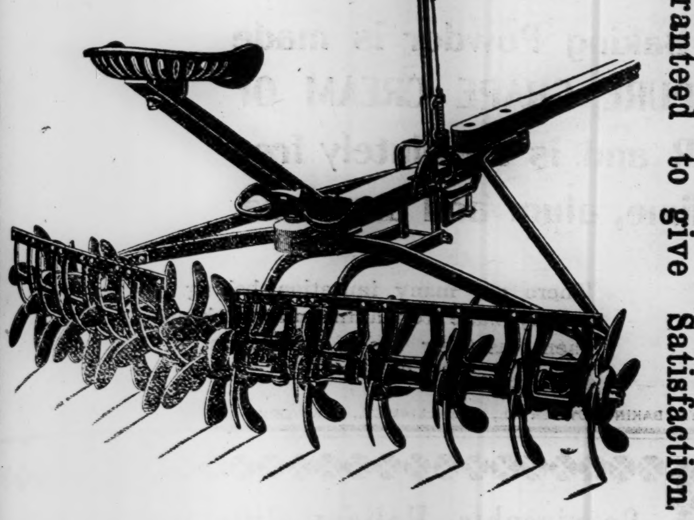

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 4:59 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A.M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:23 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 . M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 . M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:19 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 133—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 132—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:38 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:19 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:00 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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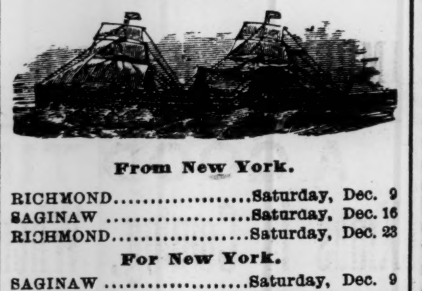

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APHORISMS.

In idleness there is perpetual despair. —Carlyle.

Christianity is the highest perfection of humanity.—Johnson.

Humility is the solid foundation of all the virtues.—Confucius.

Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.—Bishop Horne.

To what deep gulfs a single deviation from the track of human duties leads.—Byron.

I hardly know so true a mark of a little mind as the servile imitation of others.—Greville.

It is not the place nor the condition, but the mind alone that can make any one happy or miserable.—L'Estrange.

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles.—Washington Irving.

Becoming a Mother

is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipation of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom that cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of MOTHER'S FRIEND during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to mother and child. This scientific liniment is a godsend to all women at the time of their most critical ordeal. Not only does MOTHER'S FRIEND carry woman safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period. Sold by all druggists at $1.00 per bottle. Send for free booklet to THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Georgia.

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FADING OF BUTTER.

How the Genuine Article May Lose Its Attractiveness.

This is the season of the year when butter fades in the market and loses much of its bright yellow, attractive appearance, writes William Conway in the Boston Cultivator. Merchants are considerably bothered with this sudden change in the butter, and it sometimes causes them loss as well as the producer. The cause of this loss of color is not always easily ascertained. It was supposed at one time that faded butter was simply artificially colored butter, losing its coloring matter added after churning, but this is not necessarily true. Some pure butter that has been made without any artificial coloring seems to bleach out almost the color of clean tallow. Naturally butter thus bleached out does not sell well.

The cause of this is partly due to the poor handling of the butter. It is necessary to keep all the butter at a low temperature in summer to make it keep, but in transferring it from cold storage to the store this temperature is frequently changed quite violently. The sudden change causes the butter to undergo a chemical change in extreme instances. It is not at all unlikely that this causes the color to change also and produce the bleached out appearance. The greatest care in handling butter in hot weather is just as urgent on the part of commission merchants as the farmer. Without doubt a good deal of the spoiled butter that sells down at nominal prices is due to the carelessness of the shippers and city merchants. On the other hand, this should not release the makers from responsibility, for much of the poor butter is due to slovenly methods of the farmer. Bleached out or faded butter may be caused by the lack of the proper incorporation of the salt in the mass. If the salt is not thoroughly worked through every part of the butter there will be some of it that will become rancid. This rancidity in a very small part of the butter will spread and in time cause the whole mass to undergo a chemical change. A peculiar tallow or greasy flavor develops, and the natural yellow of the butter fades to a pale, sickly hue that is very unprepossessing. In extreme cases, where a high or sudden change of temperature hastens the process of degeneration, the butter may become almost worthless on account of its appearance. The sale of first class butter depends as much upon its looks as upon its actual taste. It is consequently essential to guard against anything that will make the mass lose its color and bright, attractive appearance.

Her Point of View.

He—That tall young man dancing with Miss Dashing was originally intended for the church, I understand.

She—Indeed! Judging from his appearance, I could easily imagine that he had been cut out for the steeple.—Chicago News.

Pecuniarily Speaking.

"Republics are ungrateful," said the friend who revels in trite quotations.

"Yes," said Senator Sorghum; "when I think it all over, I'm sometimes half tempted to drop patriotism and go into some other business."—Washington Star.

Ah, ha!

Husband (cynically)—Ah, women are all alike! When I first asked you to marry me, what did you say? Why, you said that you wouldn't marry the noblest man that ever breathed.

Wife (quietly)—Well, I didn't, dear.—Tit-Bits.

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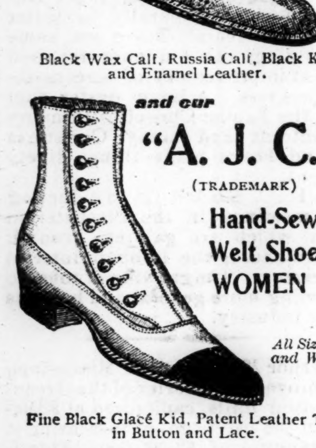

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A Farm of 250 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms. One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse.

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Farm at Burgaw.

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Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar......Wilmington......Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville......Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.......Sanford.........Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv........Climax........Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv......Greensboro.....Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar......Greensboro.....Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv......Rural Hall......Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv.......Mt. Airy........Ar	7 35 p m
South Bound Daily No. 64.	**BENNETTSVILLE.**	**North Bound Daily No. 65.**
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.......Maxton.........Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv......Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv......Hope Mills......Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46		No. 47.
South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	**MADISON BRANCH.**	**North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.**
5 30 p m	Ar.......Ramseur........Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv........Climax........Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv......Greensboro.....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar......Greensboro.....Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.......Madison........Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railrord, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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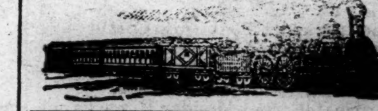

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.33 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.26 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.59 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.0? A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11 33 A. M., Baltimore 1 46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2 ?0 P. M., Weldon 8.?8 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M., Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY ?.15 ? M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.03 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.20 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.18 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M., 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1.21 5A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.52 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

aug 6 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

Well, Christmas is Coming, and I Am Glad of It, Says the School Girl.

My father and mother go to town before then, and I shall put in my wants and tell them where I would go and get the nice things.

My mamma has promised to buy me a nice Cloak, and I have seen one that came from the Racket at $2 48, just like the one I want, and a Fur Collarette at $1.75 and $2 00. Some very nice ones at $4.00 and $5 00, with the Capes and Fur and Heads and Tails on it. And if my mamma will, I shall ask her to buy me some good every-day Dress Goods. Nice pretty patterns in them. Plaid remnants in 10 to 20 yard pieces at 6c. A nice new one-half Wool Dress Goods, Rough Finish, at 12½c and 15c. A splendid Plaid, bright and pretty, at 29c.

Well, my School Shoes are wearing out, and they have worn well. My papa bought them at the Racket, and I will have him to get me a pair of Goodman's best Solid Leather, Fine Shoes at Gaylord's for $1 00 a pair. My School Shoes, solid and good, he can get at 85c; and the run is large sizes, from 3's to 6's.

Look here, miss, you shan't have it all. How about that Suit I am to have at $1.50 or $2 00; and a pair of those Double-Seated Pants at 50c; and a good Cap from 10c, 15c to 25c.

Well, I want some good Undershirts and Pants. I am going to get him to bring me some of those 29c Shirts that are worth 50c. A nice Laundered Shirt at 25c. A Union Suit, a good one, at 25c; and a pair of fine Shoes at 75c or $1.00. Do you know it don't take much money to fit me up, as I do not have any fandangles. There is where you win; they do not cost much when you buy them at the right place.

Big miss, you shan't have it all. My papa says he is going to buy his baby a nice long Cloak at 75c, a pretty trimmed Hat, trimmed up to suit baby. Nice pretty styles at 75c, and a beautiful Silk baby Cap at 25c. And those little soft Christmas Shoes, laced up with red strings for 25c; Fur all around the top for 35c and 50c. And the nicest little soft warm baby Mitts at 5c.

Do you think papa can buy half of the things we want? Well, yes; they won't cost much. And he and mamma need some good Winter Clothing. I know where he trades, because he always does buy reliable, honest Goods, and gets them cheap at the Big Racket.

My mamma says she is going to buy a Carpet for her front room and her parlors, and says she can buy a good Ingrain Carpet at 29c, and good Brussels Carpet at 45c; a good Hemp Carpet for the dining room at 18c; a nice Matting for her spare room at 18c and 20c; and some Shades at 10c and 25c. Some Lace Curtains for the parlor at 98c a pair. And some nice Silkaline for a Lamberquin at 8c. And, just think, after buying these goods so cheap, the Racket Store man will give my mamma a real nice, large Willow Rocking Chair for a $25.00 purchase, a set of fine China, six Cups, six Saucers, six Plates and one large Bowl for a $25.00 purchase.

They Have About Twenty-five People Pushing Out Daily at Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROP.

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Christmas Presents

At Manufacturers' Cost.

Pocket Knives, Scissors, Razors, Table Knives, Hunting Coats, Vests, Belts, Leggins, Caps, and a thousand and one things too numerous to mention in our

Immense Hardware and House Furnishing Establishment.

Owen F. Love & Co.

Open this week every evening till 10 o'clock.

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THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

We wish our friends and patrons

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS,"

and sincerely thank them for their liberal patronage during the holidays.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

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$600 Worth . . . of Drummers' Millinery Samples on sale at THE BEE HIVE.

THE LOT CONSISTS OF

All kinds of Hats, Plumes, Tips, Feathers, Ornaments, Infants' Caps, &c. We Bought them very much below regular value, and we are selling them wonderfully cheap. You are invited to come and look over the lot and make selections. If you look you will buy at

THE BEE HIVE, W. H. GAYLORD, Prop.

JUST OPENED UP, EVERYTHING NEW.

W. H. GAYLORD'S New Clothing Department is the place to go to get anything that Men or Boys wear. We have just gotten in a fine new line of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear, Underwear, McIntoshes, Umbrellas, &c.

Give us a call. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive.

W. H. GAYLORD.

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UMBRELLAS.

Everybody Should Lay By Something for a Rainy Day, if Only a Good Umbrella. For Xmas Presents,

You couldn't select anything better, and we have a lot of them to select from.

S. & B. SOLOMON

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OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK.

NOTHING NICER THAN A
DESK OR ROCKER
FOR XMAS GIFTS.

FIVE PER CENT. OFF FOR CASH.

THE SNEED-FULLER COMPANY,
Second and Market Streets.

dec 19 tf

Not Christmas day nor Christmas week, but the plain time, the best time, the time of head work, and heart work; the time of pleasurable anticipation and enjoyable plans

The time of looking and debating and secret whisperings, out of which will be evolved the gifts most valued and appreciated, because carrying with them, weeks of self-denial, search and loving forethought.

For the jeweler it is a time of buying, unfolding and displaying. The time when we can show you our choice selections, fresh from the packing boxes. The time when your early coming will enable you to select some desirable and exclusive article to be "laid aside." A time when early Christmas shopping means much to you. Our line of

NOVELTIES

is large this year, but the best of the most extensive stock always go to the "early birds." Will you be one?

DINGELHOEF BROS.,
Jewellers and Scientific Opticians, Parlor No. 123 Market St.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Thomas F. Ryan's Reply to the Published Telegram From President John Skelton Williams.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Thomas F. Ryan, one of the principal stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, has issued the following telegraphic reply to the published telegram from John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard and Roanoke road, in the controversy over the control of the Seaboard Air Line system:

"*New York, December 26*.—John Skelton Williams, President Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Co., Richmond, Va.—I have just received from my attorneys a report of the court proceedings had at Raleigh on Thursday last, and observe that your representative there read in open court a copy of a telegram sent to you by me on Decem ber 12th, 1899, which I have not heretofore answered.

"I did not reply to it when received because its terms forbade further negotiations then. It declared, to be sure, that you had made all the efforts, suggestions and propositions that any fair minded man could reasonably desire. But the proposition was embodied in your 'preliminary plan of consolidation' presented to me on October 23rd, and by which I was invited to co-operate in a plan involving the issue of $19.670,000 of bonds on the combined properties to be used for the following purposes:

"You proposed to take $13,343,000 of these bonds to reimburse your various syndicates for the securities they had bought to control the system.

"You proposed to give $2,285,000 of these bonds in exchange for Georgia and Alabama stocks, on which I believe a dividend has never been paid.

"With $1,600,000 you proposed to purchase or retire certain shares of Seaboard stock, and stocks in some other roads held by minority stockholders.

"You proposed to use $1,300,000 to retire car trust notes and $1,000 000 to pay for the South Carolina extension, leaving $145,000 which you describe as a balance for miscellaneous requirements.

"In short, you proposed to place on these roads an additional mortgage in debtedness of $12,523,000, burdening them with an additional interest charge of nearly $500,000, not one dollar of the proceeds of the sum of these bonds to be spent on the property, but the entire amount of $12,523,000 to be used by you to reimburse your syndicates for moneys paid for stocks, which, with the exception of those of the Seaboard and Roanoke and the Bay Line, have not paid a dividend for years.

"Having thus paid your syndicates dollar for dollar in bonds, you further proposed to issue to them a bonus in the stocks of the reorganized company of more than $23,000.000.

"This was your plan as you presented it to me on October 23d, but subsequently I learned, what you did not at the time disclose, that your firm (John L. Williams & Sons) and Mr. Diddendorf's firm were to have as a commission $2,000,000 of the new stocks in addition.

"I have treated your communications as confidential, including this plan of consolidation and your telegram describing it, but since you have thought it proper to read the telegram in court and publish it broadcast, I think it necessary to say that this analysis of the plan shows plainly that it is neither fair nor equitable, and that it cannot be pursued without grave danger to the interests which is your duty to protect

(Signed) "THOS. F. RYAN."

TWENTY-ONE LIVES LOST.

British Steamer Ariosto Wrecked Near Ocracoke—From Galveston Bound to Hamburg.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CAPE HENRY, VA., December 24.—The British steamship Ariosto, Captain Baines, from Galveston to Norfolk for coal and thence to Hamburg, loaded with cotton, corn, wheat and meal, stranded on Ocracoke beach, six miles south of the Hatteras weather bureau office, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The steamer carried a crew of thirty men. Twenty-one men abandoned the steamer and took to the boats soon after she stranded. The boats were wrecked in the heavy seas and the entire twenty-one drowned. Captain Baines and the remaining eight men were taken from the ship to day by Capt. James Howard and crew of the Ocracoke Life Saving station. The rescue was effected with difficulty, owing to the heavy sea, the landing taking up almost the entire day.

Ship a Total Loss.

NORFOLK, VA., December 25.—Captain Baines, of the British steamer Ariosto, believes that his ship will prove a total loss. A message to that effect was received from him this afternoon by his agents here. The tug Rescue, which reached the Ariosto this morning, has been unable to do anything toward floating her, because of the rough seas. The steamer lies broadside on and appears to be making considerable water.

ADVICES FROM MANILA.

Filipino Forces Attack the American Garrison at Subig Bay.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, December 27, 8.25 A. M.—General Santa Ana, with a force of insurgents estimated at 300, attacked the garrison at Subig yesterday. A body of marines was sent from Glongapo to reinforce the garrison and the Filipinos were driven back, several being killed. There were no casualties on the American side.

A Powder Mill Explosion

Removes everything in sight; so do drastic mineral pills, but both are very dangerous. Don't dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel, croton oil or aloes pills, when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a summer breeze, do the work perfectly. Cures Headache, Constipation. Only 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

For the Christmas Holidays.

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets at the rate of one and one-third first class fare from important points to any point east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, including Washington, D. C., and between local stations. Tickets to be sold December 22d to 25th, inclusive, and December 30th to January 1st, inclusive; final limit January 4th, 1900.

24th, 27th, 29th, 30th.

NO GREAT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION.

Dispatches From South Africa Arriving More Freely, But Still Greatly Delayed.

BOMBARDING LADYSMITH.

British Make Another Sortie—Boers' Artillery Destroyed—Bridge Over Tugela River Destroyed by Buller. No Movement Expected.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 27, 4.50 A. M.—Dispatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation.

A dispatch from Lourenzo Marques, dated Thursday, December 21st, gives the following from the Boer head lager, dated Tuesday, December 19th:

"The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer bridge over the Tugela river, with a view of smashing it.

"The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. General Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burgers on December 18th.

"More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Colonel Bullock, Major Walters, Major Balwark, Major Foster, Captain Dick, Captain Northern, Captain Fitz Herbert, Captain Ford, Captain Hutchinson, Lieutenant Bonham, Lieutenant Smythers: Lieutenant Thourne, Lieutenant O'Conneyghy, Lieutenant Kunbauld, Lieutenants Christain, Brigg, Birch, Halford, Tarbull and Jones."

A dispatch to the *Daily News* from Ladysmith dated Friday December 15th, by heliography, says:

Another sortie last night. General Hunter, with five hundred volunteers destroyed one six inch cr zet gun, one howitzer, and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled.

There is an idea in some quarters here that General Buller's destruction of the Tugela bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

Buller's Forces to Advance.

LONDON, December 26.—The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours December 16th, the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say the New Zealanders, with General French at Naruwpoort, were in a tight corner, December 18th. They were nearly surrounded by Boers and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range, but sustained only little loss.

Among the Boers killed at Stormberg, were many of that locality who had joined the Orange Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from the Modder river, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate advance of the British is projected.

Joubert Has Recovered.

PRETORIA, Monday, December 18.—General Joubert has recovered and returned to the front to day.

DURBAN, Tuesday, December 19.—The Norwegian barque Regina, from Java, loaded with stretchers and railway sleepers, has been captured near Delagoa bay and brought here by the British second class cruiser Forte.

LONDON, December 26.—The War Office has received a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, December 24th, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith, December 22d, Major A. C. King, Captains Wathen and Oakes, Lieutenant Hulse, and Lieutenant Colonel Fawcett were wounded and that nine non commissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded. This engagement had not been recorded before this.

Situation at Modder River.

MODDER RIVER, CAPE COLONY, December 20.—The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers. The burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas.

Recent arrivals from Jacobsdale report, that notwithstanding the Boer successes, the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of General Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions. The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of the possible defection of the Free Staters and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering. The Free Staters are said to regard their subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

LONDON, December 26.—The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, dated December 25th, saying:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder river. General Methuen is well entrenched, and the Boers have not disturbed him.

"General Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police has occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

Affairs in Cape Colony.

A cable dispatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 20th, says that glanders has broken out among the American mules, of which there are 1,100 at the Stellenbosch Remount farm. Twenty six of the mules have been destroyed and sixty-nine have been isolated.

The dispatch also says sedition is spreading in Cape Colony. Three members of the Cape Parliament are alleged to be implicated, and one of them is said to have presented a Free State flag to a Boer commander, at the same time expressing the hope that he would carry it to glory and victory. Another member of Parliament is said to be recruiting for the Boers. In addition, wealthy farmers are now aiding the invaders.

Disaffected Dutch Colonists.

Dispatches from various points indicate the steady growth of Dutch disaffection. The Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

The *Times* advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

The Sixteenth lancers will go to South Africa from India at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India.

The War Office has nominated Sir William Stokes as consulting surgeon to the South African forces. He will leave Dublin for the Cape in a few days.

Lord Somerset writes to the *Times*, urging the seizure of Lourenzo Marques and its retention, if necessary, until the end of the war, in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

The transport Tantallon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a number of howitzers and quick firers which General Buller urgently needs.

A dispatch from Modder River dated Thursday, December 21, reports that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides, although the Boer shells fell short.

Europeans in Boers' Service.

LONDON, December 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily News* telegraphing Wednesday, December 20th, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder river about three weeks longer.

"From Boer sources, hitherto singularly well informed, I learn that there are eight thousand European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria, as a reserve.

FOUNDERED AT SEA.

An Unknown Barque Reported by a Steamer Arriving at Norfolk—In Saturday's Storm.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—A special to the *Post* from Norfolk, Va., says:

The big Johnston Line steamer Noranmore arrived here this afternoon, light, from Liverpool, after one of the most tempestuous passages on record. Captain Richardson, her commander, reported having seen an unknown barque founder at sea with her crew of twelve men. The Noranmore, which flies the Belgian flag, is of 3,650 tons register. She sailed from Liverpool for Norfolk December 17th, and being nearly a week overdue her agents here were anxious about her. The hurricane which swept this coast Saturday struck her at sea at night Soon after the storm arose the Noranmore overhauled a strange barque which was on the point of foundering. Only the stump of one mast still stood, all others have been cut or carried away. Several lights were burning aboard her and twelve men, believed from their gestures to be foreigners, were seen running about the decks, which were awash. A boat's crew, in one of the Noranmore's boats, was put over the side and the men pulled for the barque. The boat was swamped almost immediately. The men, who wore life jackets, were picked up by a second boat, which was, however, compelled to return to the Noranmore. While the rescue of these men was being effected the barque disappeared in the darkness and Capt. Richardson says that beyond doubt she and her crew went down.

FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAYS.

Duel to the Death Near Culpeper, Virginia—Four Men Killed Near the Virginia-Tennessee Line.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, December 26.—A special dispatch to the *Herald*, from Culpepper, Va., says:

A bloody duel, resulting in the death of one of the participants and the fatal wounding of the other, occurred at Scrabble, a little postoffice set upon a snow-clad peak of the Blue Ridge mountains in Rapahannock county, yesterday afternoon, between Richard and Emanual Campbell, cousins.

There has been for many years a family feud between these men. They met in the county road as they were returning to their respective homes, and both instantly drew pistols and began firing. Emanuel Campbell fired the first shot, striking his cousin just above the heart. The latter dropped down to the ground, fatally hurt, and died in a few minutes, but before death stiffened his grasp or glazed his eyes he fired three shots in rapid succession at Emanuel. Each bullet hit his antagonist, one in the chin, one in the neck and the other in the shoulder, and he is now hovering between life and death, with the chances of recovery against him.

MIDDLESBORO, KY., December 26.—Three shooting scrapes, with four dead men, are reported from Virginia and Tennessee, near the State line. At Tazewell, Tenn., Jim Thompson killed Harrison Ray in a drunken row. At Atlahouse Hill, Va., R. Overton and John Combs fought a duel and both were killed. They were prominent in their neighborhood.

FIRE AT AUGUSTA, GA.

Lumber Plant and Iron Works Destroyed. Loss Estimated at $175,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 26.—The lumber plant of the Perkins Manufacturing Company and the Georgia iron works, owned by the Perkins Manufacturing Company, were completely destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. It was discovered at 9 o'clock by a passer-by in the glazing room of the lumber plant and spread with great rapidity to the iron works across the street. It was only owing to the absence of wind that many near by frame dwelling houses were not swept away. The total loss was about $175,000, divided as follows: Lumber plant, including machinery and finished lumber stored in yards, $125,000; Georgia Iron Works, mill and machinery $50,000. The insurance on the lumber plant is $65,000; on the Georgia Iron Works, mill and machinery, $31,100. This does not include the loss of many valuable patterns which cannot be duplicated.

By this fire 200 men are thrown out of employment. This is the third disastrous fire in Augusta this month.

RACE TROUBLE IN FLORIDA.

Negro Shot by City Marshal at Fort White, While Resisting Arrest.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FORT WHITE, FLA., Dec. 26.—City Marshal Marteman shot Tom White, colored, through the head this afternoon. He died about an hour later. Marteman had attempted to arrest White. The latter resisted and the marshal shot him in his tracks. The negroes are gathering on the streets and serious trouble is feared before the night shall have passed.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile Cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

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PLAN TO ORGANIZE RAIDS ON CANADA.

Movement by Boer Sympathizers and Hibernian Societies in the United States.

IS RIDICULED BY CANADIANS.

British Embassy in Washington is Watching for Developments—United States Authorities Will Take Action to Repress Hostile Movement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It is stated on good authority that a plan is on foot among the members of a number of Holland organizations and Hibernian societies in this country to organize raids on the Dominion of Canada, similar to those which startled the civilized world in 1865 66.

The plan, as the story goes, was first suggested by avowed Boer sympathizers in Washington, and word has been passed along to other cities. It is asserted that agents have been obtained in Pittsburg, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis and several other large cities to organize restless, daring spirits for the purpose of making a dash on the Canadian border. The men behind the movement are also said to have opened up a correspondence with some of the avowed annexationists in Canada and the results have been startling.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—The British Ambassador, Lord Pauncefote, has made no protest to the authorities here relative to the reported organized movements in various parts of the country in behalf of the Boers, including the alleged Fenian movement, although these matters were subjects for discussion between Secretary Hay and the ambassador late this afternoon. The only attention which the embassy is giving to these reports is to keep advised through the British consuls at various points as to any movements of importance. Thus far, however, nothing has come from the consuls to indicate that any of the movements was more than local and trifling. All of the advices show that there has been nothing in the way of general organization.

Should it turn out that a Fenian movement, of the kind alleged to exist, is actually discovered and brought to the attention of the United States, sharp and prompt repressive action will be taken, not only to prevent the violation of the neutrality laws but also to save the raiders themselves from such consequences of their action as befell the unfortunate Fenian raiders of 1866.

Ridiculed in Canada.

OTTAWA, ONT., December 26.—The stories regarding a Fenian invasion of Canada, telegraphed here from the United States, are laughed at by the military department, the government, and the people here generally.

WARM WIRELETS.

General Lord Kitchener has arrived at Gibraltar from Egypt.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. will ship $500,000 gold on the steamer Teutonic, sailing for Europe to day.

A general treaty of trade, navigation and immigration between China and Mexico was signed yesterday at Washington, D. C.

The Italian barque Du Frateli, Astarta master, from Rio de Janeiro, stranded on St. George's Cape, Fla., and has been abandoned by her crew. All hands were saved.

Directors of the American Tobacco Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. on its preferred and 1½ per cent. on its common stock, payable February 1st.

Adjutant General Corbin's list of subscriptions to the Lawton home fund aggregated $15,000 at noon yesterday. The committee announces that the subscription lists will be kept open until January 5th.

The two-masted schooner Rebecca, lumber laden, from Norfolk for New York, stranded two miles south of Assateague Life Saving Station yesterday. The vessel probably will be floated on next tide.

Franklin B. Livingston, a blind man aged 56 years, choked his wife, Rosie Livingston, to death yesterday at their home in Baltimore. Livingston gave himself up to the police. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

The John P. Lovell Arms Company, Boston, Mass., has made an assignment. It is one of the largest sporting goods houses in the country, and the failure is the result of the collapse of the Globe National Bank.

The charred remains of Wm. J. Thomas, a farmer, and his three children, were found in the ashes of their home, near Chillicothe, Mo., last Sunday. The supposition is that Thomas murdered the children, then set fire to the house and took his own life.

Walter Cotton, a desperate negro murderer, who was to have been hanged January 12th for the murder of Charles Wyatt, a merchant in the suburbs of Portsmouth, Va., several months ago, walked out of the county jail about 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

I. B. Wilford, of Bowling Green, Ky., backed by Chicago capitalists, will in a few weeks begin the construction of an electric railway from Asheville to Weaverville, N. C., a town eight miles north of Asheville.

Prof. Elliott Coues, of Washington, D. C., the world famed ornithologist and scientist, died Monday night at Johns Hopkins' hospital, Baltimore. Professor Coues was one of the most distinguished scientists in the United States.

The schooner Harry Prescott, from Jacksonville to New Haven, with lumber was towed into Hampton Roads yesterday in distress. Captain Gray reports that he was struck Saturday off Hatteras by a hurricane. After securing additional sailors the plucky skipper continued on his voyage.

Secretary E. P. Wilson, of the National Manufacturers' Association, says that a petition to the United States Attorney General has been drawn up, asking that the railroads be restrained from raising their freight rates January 1, on the ground that the proposed advance will violate the Sherman anti-trust law.

The celebrated "Pinnacle Rock," which overhung Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and was a noted natural spectacle, fell from its lofty height yesterday. The town was awakened as if by an earthquake, as the immense mass, weighing hundreds of tons, came tumbling down. The course of the rock was from the town and no lives have been reported lost, although considerable property was destroyed.

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THE MAINE'S DEAD.

Arrived at Newport News On the Texas. Transferred to Arlington, Va., for Interment.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 26.—The Maine's dead were brought ashore at 1.30 on a lighter and transferred without ceremonies to a Chesapeake and Ohio special baggage train, awaiting to transfer them to Arlington. A large silent throng watched the transfer solemnly. The train left at 10 o'clock tonight.

The funeral ceremonies at Arlington will take place at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The ceremonies will be simple and dignified, and will consist of prayer, the reading of scripture, dirge by the marine band and the firing of volleys over the graves. A covered stand, appropriately decorated with the national colors, has been erected at the site of the graves for the use of the President and other distinguished personages who have indicated their intention of being present. Captain Sigsbee, commanding the battleship Texas, which brought the remains from Havana, will have charge of the ceremonies at the cemetery. Father Chidwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, will conduct the religious services at Arlington.

TWO HOMICIDES IN ROBESON.

Negro and White Man Killed in Drunken Christmas Brawls.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

LUMBERTON, N. C., December 26.—Will Streater, a young negro man, was set upon by two Croatans, one of whom was named Charis, late Saturday afternoon on the Rowland and Ashpole road, near Ionia Church, and in a fight which ensued Streater was struck with a rail upon the head, which crushed his skull, from which he died a few hours afterwards. All the parties were drinking and the melee is said to have grown out of an old grudge. The Croatans were arrested and placed in the guardhouse at Ashpole.

Near the South Carolina line, in the same community, a white man, crazed by drink, shot and killed with a 38-calibre revolver, an associate of his toward whom he bore no malice. The murdered man was standing outside the door of a farmhouse when his companion in a drunken fit deliberately fired two shots into his head, from which he died almost instantly. Sheriff McLeod is on track of the murderer, who escaped to South Carolina, where he resides.

NEWS OF PROGRESSIVE WHITEVILLE.

The Country and Town Feel Effect of the Stimulation in Prices.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

WHITEVILLE, N. C., December 23.—The clever old town is enjoying her Christmas boom. Better prices for cotton and much timber and ties selling make more cash in hand, and much good hog and hominy helps every thing to move. We are informed that more mortgages are paid, taxes collected and people generally in better fix than for years. There are some new buildings and old ones repaired and great improvement of streets betoken progress. A large oyster supper for the Baptist Church with many gay lanterns and many Christmas guns and horns made things lively last night.

Rev. P. C. Morton is conducting union meetings in the Presbyterian Church which are gaining ground. Notwithstanding the hubbub interest is increasing. The growing of tobacco is becoming more general and helps as another industry.

Governor McLaurin, of Mississippi, has approved the charter of the Greenville cotton mills, capitalized at $250,000 with the privilege of increasing it to a maximum of $2,000,000. This is the second cotton mill to be chartered in Greenville, Miss., within the past three months.

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dec 28 tf

General Brooke, who arrived at St. Augustine, Fla., yesterday from Cuba, is not going North at once, but it is expected will stop at St. Augustine or some other convenient Southern port for a time in order to avoid a sudden climatic change.

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The Season's Greetings, friends! Had it not been for you our Christmas would not be so merry. May yours be merry, too. We thank you for your patronage in the past and hope to merit it in the future. John G. Russell, 413 Orange street; Bell 'Phone 198. dec 24 tf

"Christmas Gift?" Columbia Phonographs, at Charles M. Whitlock's. dec 15 tf | Jan 1

Notice—Don't fail to examine my stock of Holiday Goods, Oranges, Apples, Malaga Grapes, Mixed Cocoa Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Prunes, and a nice line of Fancy Candy. Prices are right if given a chance. A. S. Winstead. dec 20 tf

Christmas is almost here, and you ought to have your share The only way for you to have it is to have some of those fine Photos that are making at the Star studio at a special rate this month Think of it, three different styles and four Pictures of each kind for only $3 00. Come and see the only way for you to realize the bargains we are giving our hundreds of customers, and we guarantee that every one of them is highly pleased. Yours for the best work and the lowest prices. Star studio, 116 Market street. dec 9 tf

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